

## ADAPTIVE ABILITIES, SPECIAL ABILITIES AND SPECIAL OLYMPIC DIVISION DEFINITIONS

### Glossary of Terms

**Adaptive Abilities:** Teams with athletes with physical and learning disabilities. Opportunity to include Unified Partners (please see below).

**Special Abilities:** Teams with athletes of with learning disabilities. Opportunity to include Unified Partners (please see below).

**Special Olympics:** Teams with athletes of with learning disabilities. Opportunity to include Unified Partners (please see below). Must be created in partnership with [Special Olympics Great Britain](#).

**Traditional:** Teams consisting of 100% Athletes with disabilities per team

**Unified:** Teams consisting of 1% to 99% Athletes with disabilities per team and 99% to 1% Unified Partners. 25% Athletes with disabilities per team for ICU World & European Championships.

**Unified Partners:** Athletes without disability/impairment performing in Adaptive/Special Abilities team. Unified Partners performed technical skill level **may exceed** that of Adaptive Abilities athletes. Unified Partners performed technical skill level **may not exceed** that of Special Abilities/Olympics athletes.

**IPCs 10 Eligible Impairment Types:** 10 impairments due to an Underlying Health Condition that leads to a permanent Eligible Impairment. These are identified by the International Paralympic Committee.

### Useful Links

ICU Adaptive Abilities Rules: [https://cheerunion.org.ismmedia.com/ISM3/std-content/repos/Top/ParaCheer/ICU\\_Paraheer\\_Rules\\_2017.pdf](https://cheerunion.org.ismmedia.com/ISM3/std-content/repos/Top/ParaCheer/ICU_Paraheer_Rules_2017.pdf)

ICU Special Abilities Rules: [https://cheerunion.org.ismmedia.com/ISM3/std-content/repos/Top/SpecialAbilities/2020-2022\\_ICU\\_Special-Abilities-Rules.pdf](https://cheerunion.org.ismmedia.com/ISM3/std-content/repos/Top/SpecialAbilities/2020-2022_ICU_Special-Abilities-Rules.pdf)

ICU Special Olympics Webpage: <https://cheerunion.org/special-olympics/special-olympics/>

International Paralympic Committee's Brief Description of the 10 Eligible Impairment Types (As A Guideline for The ICU Paracheer/Adaptive Abilities Programme):  
[https://www.sportcheerscotland.org.uk/files/ugd/718131\\_692011035c2048a5b55599ce40fcded17.pdf](https://www.sportcheerscotland.org.uk/files/ugd/718131_692011035c2048a5b55599ce40fcded17.pdf)

Paralympic Classification: <https://www.paralympic.org/classification>